





# Viewpoints

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## EDITORIAL

### Students should 'make difference' in any way they can

Something that our generation has been identified as doing very well is our volunteerism and public service.

We should embrace it and carry the torch for making the lives of those around us, and the generation coming behind us, a little better.

Not to sound melodramatic, but we are at a crossroads in our history. We need a lot of big ideas to pull us out of our big problems. Poverty and homelessness are rampant here and abroad. We face threats from entities that would like to destroy our country and way of life. We have a dire need for alternative energy sources that will be cleaner, yet still as efficient as fossil fuels. And don't forget unforeseen natural disasters.

When we say the words "public service," it's likely you might think of the Peace Corps, the military, politics, law enforcement, etc. And having a job that "makes a difference" might make you think doctor, social worker, teacher, etc. Those are all true, but there is no limit as to what makes a difference.

Without engineers, we will never unlock the mystery of energy independence. Without writers and filmmakers, we might never get the awareness about issues we need to hear about. And without mechanics, those people wouldn't find their way to their destinations.

We believe that it's not so much about what you do; rather, it's about whether you are willing to take responsibility to find what needs to be done and then just do it.

## It's your money, burning green to go 'green'

Aaron Caldwell  
Guest Columnist

On March 2, the Student Government Association (SGA) passed legislation supporting a "green fee." This fee, an additional \$10 per semester applied to each full-time student starting fall 2011, was proposed by the Green Energy and Renewables Society (GEARS).

The proposal comes with no budget – just the vague statement that one-third will be applied toward energy efficiency upgrades, one-third will be applied toward student opportunity projects, and one-third will go toward TVA's Green Power Switch program.

So, what's wrong with having students pay another fee?

1. Bad timing.
2. Poor budgeting.
3. Control over the budget.
4. Poorly thought through.

Let's look at these issues in more detail.

**Bad timing:** Tuition rose 9 percent in 2010 and is expected to continue rising because of cuts in higher education funding. The economy is poor and jobs are scarce, so students are already barely scraping by. Undergraduate fees already include about \$200 per semester of student-voted fees, so why does the SGA and GEARS choose now to take even more of our money?

**Poor budgeting:** If SGA and GEARS propose to take about \$50,000 away from students every semester (\$10 times about 5,000 students), don't you think they should propose a detailed budget and describe at least 10 possible projects? They have not done the necessary planning to request \$1 million of student fees during the next decade.

**Control over the budget:** The proposed voting membership of the green fee board is one faculty member, two SGA representatives, and two GEARS representatives.

The faculty senate would appoint the faculty member, probably one already associated with GEARS. What's wrong with this picture? Is this a fee specifically designed to give a budget to GEARS? Students don't elect the GEARS representatives, so should GEARS receive any voting members on the board? The control over this fee should be given to students directly elected by students.

**Poorly thought through:** The lack of a detailed budget speaks loudly. James Allen stated that SGA and GEARS hope to make these activities self-supporting. Why is that intent not reflected in the proposal? The fee could decrease by \$1 per year or, perhaps simpler for the accounting office, it could expire after five years.

This "green fee" should not be enacted as currently defined because it is not in the best interest of students. I am not against green activities.

However, I believe the proposed "green goals" can be achieved through cost savings and the use of existing fees. Proposing another fee at this time reflects an insensitivity to the cost of attending school. In fact, every time SGA proposes a new fee, they should first share with students a complete list of all current student-initiated fees and re-evaluate the appropriateness of those fees. I suspect they could not even do so!

How can this green fee proposal be improved?

First, this proposal could have a real budget. Plan the uses of the fee money for the next two years in detail; every cent should be accounted for in this budget. If SGA and GEARS have difficulty doing this, they need only recall this is a university and ask business students for help. Too much work? Not when they want \$1 million per decade from our pockets!

Second, this proposal itself

could be "green." Instead of taking more money from students' pockets, why not take money from an existing fee such as the athletic fee or the yearbook fee? If the money were taken from the yearbook fee, the yearbook operations could be moved online – saving paper and energy (a "green" result). Most students I know have not received yearbooks and they don't even know where to get one. If the yearbook were put online, it would be far more accessible to students and would also be there for alumni to enjoy.

Third, this proposal could have a time limit (such as five years) or could decrease by \$1 per year. This built-in expiration would ensure that future students have a say in spending their money.

Are we no better than our federal government – constantly voting new debt on future generations (of students)?

## Casual casualties: Abortion not a means of birth control

Justin Hunt  
Viewpoints Editor

About 42 million abortions occur worldwide every year. That's about 115,000 per day, or a little more than one child every second.

The beginning paragraph was attached to an editorial cartoon I drew a couple of weeks ago depicting a somewhat provocative scene: a woman was lying on a bed under a blanket with her knees bent and spread apart. She was looking up, smiling at her man who had his comforting hand on her shoulder, smiling back. At the foot of the bed was a doctor with a shotgun inserted under the blanket and in between her legs. The cartoon implied that at the end of the

day, everything will be OK and the couple can go along with their life as if nothing had happened.

The message of the cartoon was to point out 1) abortion is equal to killing and 2) even though the man and woman were smiling, casual, and oblivious to the consequences, something is terribly wrong. (Obviously, this situation is not representative of all abortions.) My intent was to show how disgruntling and crass abortion really is, being careful not to act in poor taste.

It was advised not to run the cartoon because of the possibility that people might misinterpret the cartoon and take it in poor taste.

These numbers would seem to reflect an attitude of guiltless slaughtering of

babies (and it may), but I would argue that many abortions are met with heartache, strife, guilt, and pain. Even individuals who support women having the "right to choose" would agree that abortion is not a positive, wonderful, or uplifting action.

However, using abortion as a viable means of birth control is a horrible mistake. Though special situations of rape and health are important issues to discuss, let's set them aside for now. Abortions based on criteria like "I don't want a child right now" or "oops" are incredibly misguided and corrupt because these individuals who approach abortion casually without considering the moral implications and consequences of their actions have lost

all regard for the sanctity of life.

According to The National Right to Life survey conducted in 2005, about 93 percent of Americans gave social reasons for their motivation toward abortion (i.e. relationship problems, doesn't want the responsibility, interference with career, can't afford the baby, etc.).

Less than half a percent in the same survey indicated they had an abortion because of rape or incest. The remaining 7 percent of the survey represented abortions where the situation could cause possible health problems to the mother or to the child.

Selfish reasoning and convenience have become primary instigators of abortion, and these reasons are made

with such little thought and no respect for their actions. Many try to escape guilt by rationalizing abortion in arguments like, "life doesn't begin at the moment of conception." I'm no authority on when "life" begins, but I can tell you that research provided by The National Right to Life shows that a baby's heart begins to beat as early as twenty-two days after conception.

It's time for the careless attitudes, selfish rationales, and unethical behaviors permeating abortion to be stifled. Defiling life in such a vile and contemptible act as abortion is shameful.

Where has morality and sanctity of life gone?

*\*The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform*

## "Campus Quotes"

"My heart goes out to all the people in Japan who suffered from the tsunami. After watching the people in Haiti respond, I had to send up a prayer for both countries."

"We should help the Japanese because what happens there can affect us."

"I'm surprised no one has blamed George W. Bush for this ... yet."

"I'm glad we can have the opportunity to give back to a country that has done so much for us."

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# News

## Changes coming soon to implement funding based on student performance

Elliott Eddings  
Pacer writer

As a result of the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010, funding for state colleges and universities in Tennessee will soon undergo major changes.

Approximately 60 percent of the amount of money each college or university that receives state funding gets is presently determined by

looking at the school's current enrollment figures. Under the present system, how well students do and the percentage of students graduating plays a much smaller role in appropriating funds.

All of this is going to change. Instead of looking at the raw enrollment numbers, the new system for funding will place greater importance on how well students do and how many graduate.

The new system is set up so that a school will be evaluated on the number of students completing a certain number of academic hours. Benchmarks will be set at students earning 24 hours, 48 hours and 72 hours. Also, the percentage of students who graduate within a six-year period will also be considered when appropriating funds.

This will enable smaller schools with high standards

and graduation rates to receive more funding than larger schools with lower grades and less graduations.

The Pacer spoke with Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, about the upcoming changes.

"We are moving to a funding model in which retention and graduation are more important than enrollment, but I think that is a good thing. Our mission now is

figure out why we are losing students and devise ways to help them make it."

In a presentation given last semester about the recruitment of new students, Bud Grimes, who is in charge of Public Relations for UTM, said that UTM is hoping to attract more students with higher GPAs and ACT scores, and that these students will be the focus of many of the university's recruitment drives

in the future.

About 8,500 students are currently enrolled at UTM, and recent semesters have seen record numbers of new students coming to school here. This is an increase of 44 percent since 2001. Additionally, 45.2 percent of UTM students graduate with their bachelor's degree, also an increase since 2001.

## Ag Day brings leaders together to discuss future

UTM agriculture students, Jeremy Fair and Neil Bringle took agriculture's story to congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., for National Ag Day on March 15.

During the two-day event, Fair and Bringle met with U.S. Rep. Stephen Fincher and staff from the offices of U.S. Sens. Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander.

Fair and Bringle traveled to Washington with the National FFA Organization's Collegiate FFA division and the consortium of Collegiate Agricultural Organizations. The consortium sponsored 28 student representatives from 17 collegiate organizations, including Collegiate FFA, to participate in the National Ag Day activities on the Hill.

Students from across the country put a face on the future of agriculture and personally emphasized the importance of agriculture in Americans' everyday lives.

The purpose of National Ag Day is to bring leaders in the agriculture community to the nation's capital for meetings with members of Congress and expose elected officials to the agriculture industry.

During the Ag Day meetings on the Hill, the student representatives discussed how food and fiber products are produced; the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products; and the ability of agriculture to help maintain a



Agriculture Education majors Jeremy Fair and Neil Bringle traveled to Washington, D.C., for National Ag Day on March 15 to help emphasize the importance of agriculture in America. UTM's Ag Day is being held on campus today.

(Provided Photo)

robust U.S. economy. They also added to the discussion the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture.

"America's hardworking family farmers produce the safest, most wholesome, and affordable food to feed a growing world population by using the latest technologies and sustainable, environmentally sound farming practices. Bringing these messages to our elected officials will allow us to continue to maintain our ability to produce food for Americans as well as people around the world," Fair said.

"With an American population that is so far removed from production agriculture, three to four generations in most cases, it is more important than ever

### FFA chapter named top state chapter

The UTM Collegiate FFA chapter was named top collegiate chapter in the state for the seventh consecutive year at the recent Tennessee FFA Alumni State Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park.

UTM competition winners were: Chris Martin, of Lincoln County, prepared speaking; Neil Bringle, of Munford, extemporaneous speaking; Jeremy Fair, of Dyer County, agricultural production;

Kris Newsom, Friendship, agricultural professions; Peyton Harper, Lebanon, agricultural business; Laura Campbell, Spring Hill, agricultural education. The chapter also won first place in chapter scrapbook.

Bringle and Serena Flowers, of Jackson, each received a \$500 academic scholarship.

Dr. James N. Butler, professor of agricultural education, is UTM Collegiate FFA adviser.

that we spread the message of agriculture in both our hometowns and in the halls of Congress," Bringle said.

Fair, of Newbern, and

Bringle, of Munford, are senior Agriculture Education majors.

For those interested in more information on National Ag Day, visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).

## Guest speaker to present on 'Third Ways'

Spencer Taylor  
Executive Editor

Capitalist or Communist? The natural battle over the past century between two opposing political-economic schools of thought have often left many people searching for something different, or a "Third Way."

Upcoming guest Allan C. Carlson will speak this Thursday at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium regarding the alternative route many may seek. Carlson will present on "Third Ways: Rebuilding an American Economy Based on Family and Community," sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Group.

Carlson, who has been published in the area, traces the origin of Third Ways back to the early twentieth century. From his book of the same title, Carlson states that the necessity for a Third Way came from individuals "[who] balked at making a stark choice" between capitalism or communism.

"Unlike both liberal capitalists and Communists, they [Third Way thinkers] treasured rural culture, family-scale farming, gender complementarity and the vital household economy."

Dr. Arthur Hunt III, associate professor of Communications and Intercollegiate Studies Group adviser, helped define "Third Way" thinking and set it apart from other political affiliations—specifically those

of the Tea Party movement.

"I would say that third way people like me have a little bit of a skeptical eye toward the Tea Party movement; because we wonder if it's going to be hijacked by the Republican Party mainstream. We would adhere to some things within the Tea Party movement—a desire for smaller government, for example. However, we're also skeptical toward big business," Hunt said.

The role of the family is the cornerstone of Third Way and the re-strengthening of the family unit is key in Third Way practice.

"Family has been here a long time. It's the most basic social unit that we've ever had. When industrialization came along, the father left the family farm and went off to work in the factory. This was 200 years ago, granted, but then after World War II the mother went off to work. During this time we outsourced the raising of our children to surrogate institutions. The type of Third Way that I'm talking about that [Dr. Carlson] will be talking about, is a return to home-based enterprises and local economies," Hunt said.

Carlson received his PhD from Ohio University in Modern European History in 1979. Carlson has edited and been published in scholarly journals and written six books, including "Third Ways" and "The Natural Family: A Manifesto."

## Inflation much lower than before, still feels worse now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation spooked the nation in the early 1980s. It surged and kept rising until it topped 13 percent.

These days, inflation is much lower. Yet to many Americans, it feels worse now. And for a good reason: Their income has been even flatter than inflation.

Back in the '80s, the money people made typically more than made up for high inflation. In 1981, banks would pay nearly 16 percent on a six-month CD. And workers typically got pay raises to match their higher living costs.

No more. Over the 12 months that ended in February, consumer prices increased just 2.1 percent. Yet wages for many people have risen even less — if they're not actually frozen.

Social Security recipients have gone two straight years with no increase in benefits. Money market rates? You need a magnifying glass to find them.

That's why even moderate inflation hurts more now. And it's why if food and gas prices lift inflation even slightly above current rates, consumer spending could weaken and slow the economy.

"It feels far more painful now than in the '80s," says Judy Bates, who lives near Birmingham, Ala. "Money in the bank was growing like crazy because interest rates were high. My husband had a

union job at a steel company and was getting cost-of-living raises and working overtime galore."

Bates, 58, makes her living writing and speaking about how people can stretch their dollars. Her husband, 61, is retired. They've paid off their mortgage and have no car payments. But they're facing higher prices for food, gas, utilities, insurance and health care, while fetching measly returns on their savings.

"You want to weep," Bates says.

Consumer inflation did pick up in February, rising 0.5 percent, because of costlier food and gas. Still, looked at over the past 12 months, price increases have remained low. Problem is, these days any inflation tends to hurt.

Not that everyone has been squeezed the same. It depends on personal circumstances. Some families with low expenses or generous pay increases have been little affected.

Others who are heavy users of items whose prices have jumped — tuition, medical care, gasoline — have been hurt badly. But almost everyone is being pinched because nationally, income has stagnated.

The median U.S. inflation-adjusted household income — wages and investment income — fell to \$49,777 in 2009, the most recent year for which figures are available, the Census Bureau says. That

was 0.7 percent less than in 2008.

Incomes probably dipped last year to \$49,650, estimates Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and a board member of the National Association for Business Economics. That would mark a 0.3 percent drop from 2009. And incomes are likely to fall again this year — to \$49,300, she says.

Significant pay raises are rare during periods of high unemployment because workers have little bargaining power to demand them.

They surely aren't making it up at the bank. Last year, the average nationwide rate on a six-month CD was 0.44 percent. The rate on a money market account was even lower: 0.21 percent.

Now go back three decades, a time of galloping inflation, interest rates and bond yields. When Paul Volcker took over the Federal Reserve in 1979, consumer inflation was 13.3 percent, the highest since 1946. To shrink inflation, Volcker raised interest rates to levels not seen since the Civil War.

As interest rates soared, CD and money-market rates did, too. The average rate on money market accounts topped 9 percent. Treasury yields surged, pushing up rates on consumer and business loans. The 10-year Treasury note yielded more than 13 percent; today, it's 3.5 percent.

By 1984, consumers were enjoying a sweet spot: Lower prices but rising incomes and still-historically high rates on CDs and other savings investments. Consumer inflation had slid to 3.9 percent. Yet you could still get 10.7 percent on a six-month CD.

Even after accounting for inflation, the median income rose 3.1 percent from 1983 to 1984. At the time, workers were demanding — and receiving — higher wages.

More than 20 percent of U.S. workers belonged to a union in 1983. Labor contracts typically provided cost-of-living adjustments tied to inflation. And competition for workers meant those union pay increases helped push up income for non-union workers, too.

Last year, just 12 percent of U.S. workers belonged to unions. And among union members, a majority now work for the government, not private companies. Wages of government workers are under assault as state governments and the federal government seek to cut spending and narrow gaping budget deficits.

Workers' average weekly wages, adjusted for inflation, fell in February to \$351.89. It was the third drop in four months.

The result is that even historically low inflation feels high. So "when you mention low inflation to real people on the street, they immediately

roll their eyes," says Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Falling behind inflation is something many people hadn't experienced much in their working careers until now. In the 1990s and 2000s, for instance, most Americans kept ahead of rising prices. Inflation averaged under 3 percent.

And inflation-adjusted incomes rose steadily from 1994 to 1999. Once the 2001 recession hit, incomes did falter. But after that, they resumed their growth, rising each year until the most recent recession hit in December 2007.

Rates on six-month CDs were also much higher than they are now: They averaged 5.4 percent from 1990 to 1999 and 3.3 percent from 2000 to 2009.

These days, though, Americans face the certainty of higher prices ahead.

Whirlpool, Kraft, McDonald's, Clorox, Kellogg, and clothing companies such as Wrangler jeans maker VF Corp., J.C. Penney Co., and Nike say they plan to raise prices. Whirlpool, which makes Maytag and KitchenAid appliances, says it's raising prices in response to higher raw material costs.

Kellogg, which makes Frosted Flakes and Pop Tarts, is increasing prices on some products to offset costlier ingredients. Kellogg is responding to soaring costs for commodities including wheat,

corn, sugar, cotton, beef and pork.

Vickens Moscovia, a self-employed marketer in Elizabeth, N.J., says he's paying more for staples like cereal, bread, eggs and public transportation. Yet he's making little from his savings.

"It is a huge pinch," says Moscovia, 25.

Though higher gasoline and food prices may lift the inflation rate in coming months, the Fed says it doesn't think inflation will pose a long-term threat to the economy. The central bank projects that inflation won't exceed 1.7 percent this year.

But if oil prices, now around \$101 a barrel, were to go much higher, economists say heavier fuel bills would cause people and consumers to cut back spending on cars, appliances and other items.

Another recession would be possible if prices began to approach \$150 a barrel. Back in 1983, a barrel of oil cost just \$29.40 — or \$65 in today's prices, adjusted for inflation.

All that said, today's consumers are fortunate that today's lower rates mean one major house cost remains far lower than in the 1980s: a mortgage.

Thanks, in part, to the Fed's efforts to push down loan rates starting with the financial crisis, the average rate on a 30 year fixed mortgage is below 5 percent.

The comparable rate in 1981? 18 percent.



# UTM football team receives traveling York trophy

## Sports Information

The UTM football team officially received its Sgt. York Trophy at the 13th Annual Pepsi Celebration of Champions event held at the Grand Ole Opry House Wednesday night in Nashville. The event was hosted by the Nashville Sports Council.

UT Martin finished the season 3-0 in Sgt. York Trophy series games (vs. Austin Peay, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech) to claim its first trophy in the series.

The Sgt. York Trophy goes to the winner of the quadrangular season football series between the four OVC schools located in the state of Tennessee - Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University and UT Martin.

The Sgt. York Trophy is proudly sponsored by the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.

Tennessee State and Austin Peay tied for the trophy in 2007 with TSU taking it back to campus due to a victory in the head-to-head match-up. The Tigers repeated as champions in 2008 before



UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, far left, football coach Jason Simpson, third from left, and Athletics Director Phil Dane, far right, pose with others in accepting the Sgt. York traveling trophy, shown on the table. (Provided Photo)

Tennessee Tech claimed its first trophy title a year ago (2009). UT Martin claimed its first championship this year and became the third-straight team to go 3-0 in the series during the year.

After the completion of the football season, the Sgt.

York Trophy is awarded to the institution with the best head-to-head record in the match-ups with their fellow Tennessee schools. In the event of a tie, the award will be shared; however, the previous winner will retain the trophy if they are part of the tie. If the tie is between two

other institutions, the trophy will go to the institution that has gone the most seasons without winning the trophy.

The award is only the second traveling trophy that involves more than two teams in college sports; the other is the Commander in Chief's Trophy which has been con-

tested between Air Force, Army and Navy annually since 1972. The award, created in 2007 by the Nashville Sports Council, is presented to the winning institution annually at the NSC's O'Charley's Dinner of Champions. The event was created in 1999 and salutes amateur and professional sports in Tennessee.

The award is named in honor of Alvin C. York, the most noted Soldier of World War I. As a corporal in the 2nd battalion, 328th Infantry, in the Battle of the Meuse River-Argonne (Oct. 8, 1918), York and seven other soldiers captured 132 prisoners, was promoted to sergeant and received the Distinguished Service Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, the French Legion of Honor, the Croce di Guerra of Italy and the War Medal of Montenegro. Upon his return to the United States in 1919, he was bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Following the war York returned his home in Pall Mall, Tenn. (located in north central Tennessee, 55 miles northeast of Cookeville) where he dedicated his life to improving education

and facilitating educational opportunities for children in the state of Tennessee. In 1927 he established the Alvin C. York Institute after spending several years raising money for the school which opened as a private institution. That school was established, in part, to provide educational opportunities denied to the boys and girls of Fentress County. In 1937, the Institute became a state special school after an appeal to the Tennessee State Legislature. The school, located in Jamestown, Tenn., is still in operation today.

York died on Sept. 2, 1964 and the foundation which he helped establish in 1920 - The Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation - was dormant for many years. The Foundation was re-established by Lipscomb Davis, Jr. in 1992 and is currently run by Sgt. York's grandson Gerald (U.S. Army Colonel, Retired). York's papers are archived by Michael E. Birdwell, Ph.D., who is an associate professor of history at Tennessee Technological University, one of the four institutions that will compete for the yearly honor.

## Marketing fraternity competes for most improved chapter

Rebecca Alsop  
Pacer Writer

For those of you who don't know who Pi Sigma Epsilon Delta Xi Chapter is on the UTM campus, you soon will. PSE Delta Xi is competing nationally for most improved chapter.

This is a huge honor since the chapter started the 2010 school year with five active members and all of their leadership having graduated in the spring.

"PSE Delta Xi is competing for Most Improved because of its efforts to grow the chapter," said Jacob Moss by Ross, PSE president.

"We did not just seek out the masses, we looked for new members that we felt could bring various qualities to the chapter and help it grow in multiple areas. Students on campus are starting to put a face to the name and a lot of that comes from the past few semesters of recruiting quality members."

Delta Xi started the year with one goal: recruit quality members to help turn the chapter around. In the spring of 2010, PSE held a recruitment event that gave them two juniors and one senior.

"The results were minor, but we refused to be deterred from our goal. In the fall, we focused our efforts on holding a successful recruitment," Ross said. "We needed to grow and get quality members to help advance Delta Xi nationally and sustain locally."

In the fall, PSE decided to hold a week-long recruitment event with informational nights as well as game nights to get to know potential new members.

They also teamed up with University Directories to make the cover of the UTM planner and including information about PSE on the inside pages.

Their new game plan worked.

After recruitment, they had 23 prospective members. They also implemented a new member-training program including a project and weekly quizzes.

"We initiated 18 new members, which more than tripled the size of our chapter and these new members are motivated and taking on leadership roles in Delta Xi."

This includes 5 sophomores, 5 juniors, 8 seniors and 3 of those are life mem-

bers," Ross said.

So far, new members stepping up to lead the chapter filled seven executive positions in December of 2010. Also, 9 members, 8 being new, attended the 2010 South/West Regional Conference in New Orleans.

Three members competed in the Pro-Am competition to better their professional skills.

"Being a new member has been very exciting," said Dawn Baxter, a fall 2010 initiate. "I've loved getting to know all the other members and PSE has opened up lots of exciting opportunities for me allowing me to network with other PSE chapters across the nation."

The PSE Delta Xi chapter has worked hard and diligently to better their chapter. Before this year, hardly any students or faculty knew who they were.

Now, they attend round-table meetings, participate in school preview days and attend conventions.

Their dedication to improving their chapter has attracted the attention of faculty and administration and they are involved with the Dean's Advisory Board.

What's next for PSE Delta Xi? PSE president Jacob Moss has the answer.

"We have fulfilled our goal of recruiting and developing leaders and are prepared to move forward by implementing more professional development events and projects such as resume workshops, mock interviews, guest speakers and career fairs, etiquette dinners, as well as sales and community service projects."

"We have worked to produce better leaders and will continue this tradition to ensure that our chapter's future will never be left to one person again."

During the 2010-2011 school year, Delta Xi has improved in campus relations, leadership and recruitment.

They plan to continue growing and building future leaders for the business world.

PSE is the only national, co-ed, professional fraternal organization for marketing, sales and management.

Their goal is to teach college students practical skills to help them in the work force.

## Pell Grant funds down; possible cuts to come

Jasmine Brooks  
Editorial Assistant

President Barack Obama's proposal to cut Pell Grant funding down about \$100 billion has some students wondering about college funding.

The Pell Grant program is a major financial aid program for low income college students that does not have to be paid back.

The proposal was to eliminate the opportunity for students to be rewarded two Pell Grants in one school year, which basically takes away the chance of getting a Pell Grant for summer school. According to the official, the change in budget would save \$8 billion next year and \$60 billion over 10 years.

President Obama also proposed a second cut down on subsidized loans for graduate students and professional students, which would save about \$2 billion next year and about \$29 billion over 10 years, according to the official.

With the government paying the interest on student loans for graduate students and professional students as long as they stay in college, officials say that the plan has failed to encourage more students to go to grad school.

According to Associated Press, the administration has expanded other programs that help students reduce loan payments and ultimately forgive debt they can no longer afford to repay.

"Another \$4 billion in savings over 10 years would be achieved by broadening the use of IRS data to determine eligibility,

reducing improper payments and easing the application process," the official said.

"It would be a mistake to balance the budget by sacrificing our children's education," said President Obama Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

Obama expressed that by increasing spending in areas that are important, like education and innovation, it can help the economy in the long-term.

UTM's Financial Aid Department's Interim Director, Sheryl Frazier said, "The maximum amount of \$5,550 will still be awarded and sent to students in the award letters, but will disclose to students that changes could happen."

The official determination of if this could take effect in the 2011-2012 year, if passed.

According to Daily Bulletin, com, Richard Fass, Pomona College's vice president of planning said: "Nationally, this simply cuts down on the accessibility of higher education for many students... So, if the cuts come, the burden will fall on the College not the students."

Students shouldn't expect any increases any time soon.

The administration has projected a shortfall of more than \$20 billion in the program for 2012. Officials say the maximum award would have to be cut by more than \$2,500 just to meet demand. Demand has increased sharply because more people looking for better jobs are starting or going back to school to learn new skills and they need help paying the tuition.

## Parents of Rutgers student: No harsh punishment

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The parents of the Rutgers University student who killed himself after authorities said his intimate encounter with a man was captured by a webcam want his classmates' invasion-of-privacy cases prosecuted, but they don't want them to receive harsh punishment.

Tyler Clementi's parents, Jane and Joseph Clementi, issued a statement Tuesday, six months after he jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge.

"The past six months have been the most difficult and painful of our lives," they said. "We have done our best to deal with the grief and pain of the death of our son Tyler, in awful circumstances while dealing with the crush of media attention, the pending criminal investigations and, of course, our own unanswered questions."

The Clementis have not granted any interviews, but have released a few statements to reporters. The latest one was sent first to The Star-Ledger of

Newark.

Clementi's roommate, Dharun Ravi, and classmate Molly Wei are each charged with two counts of invasion of privacy. Authorities said that last September, they used a webcam to watch part of Clementi's encounter with another man. Within days, Clementi killed himself.

Family attorney Paul Mainardi said the Clementis feel it's important to establish it was not "a college prank."

Gay rights and anti-bullying groups seized on the suicide and made it a symbol of the movement to take bullying, particularly of young gay people, seriously.

The charges against Ravi and Wei do not link the alleged spying to Clementi's suicide.

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office has weighed additional bias intimidation charges, but no decision on those more serious charges has been announced. Mainardi said he believes the investigation is substantially complete.

Lawyers for the students, both of whom have since withdrawn from Rutgers, have said their clients are not guilty of any crimes. The lawyers did not immediately return calls on Tuesday.

The fallout from the case has been immense. The Point, a scholarship-granting group based in Los Angeles, has announced a scholarship in Clementi's memory.

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- 1 FIRE CALL 3-5-11 at 5:33 p.m. - Cooper Hall - Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers and MFD responded and determined it to be caused by heat from an appliance.
- 2 3-6-11 at 5:41 a.m. - Hanning Lane - A subject was issued a citation for reckless driving and an expired driver's license. (General Sessions Court)
- 3 3-6-11 at 4:42 p.m. - Cooper Hall - Subject reported having problems with another party involving a current relationship. All involved individuals were contacted and advised to cease contact with each other.
- 4 3-6-11 at 8:47 p.m. - Cooper Hall - Report of a disturbance between subtenants. Both parties were contacted and settled their differences.
- 5 3-7-11 at 4:36 p.m. - UC - Report of a subject who had made a comment about a possible explosive device in a package. The subject was contacted and it was determined to be a false statement.
- 6 3-8-11 at 8:25 a.m. - Lot 18 (Student Health) - Report of a hit-and-run accident involving two vehicles. The investigation continues.
- 7 3-8-11 at 8:29 a.m. - Lot 1 - (Stadium) - A vehicle was towed because of an excessive number of parking tickets.
- 8 3-4-11 at 9:48 a.m. - Administration Building - Report of a suspicious subject in the building. The subject was contacted and voluntarily departed campus without incident.
- 9 FIRE CALL 3-8-11 at 7:36 p.m. - UV Phase 1 - Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined it to be caused by cooking.
- 10 3-9-11 at 1:02 p.m. - Off Campus South - Report of an assault. Officers arrived on scene and identified the involved subjects, who were detained until the arrival of MPD. One subject was arrested on domestic assault.

## CAMPUS MAP



11-17 MARCH

- 11 3-11-11 at 8:15 a.m. - Brehm - Subject reported missing university equipment. Report on file.
- 12 3-15-11 at 11:21 a.m. - Business Building - Report of a subject who had been injured by falling on some stairs. Officers and EMS responded and treated the subject at the scene and was later transported to the hospital by a relative.
- 13 3-15-11 at 2:29 p.m. - Cooper - Report of a contractor who had been injured the day before while working. Report on file.
- 14 3-15-11 at 2:46 p.m. - Lot 2 (Tennis Courts) - A subject was issued a citation for no driver's license and no proof of insurance (General Sessions Court)
- 15 3-15-11 at 4:22 p.m. - Tennis Courts - Report of the theft of two university signs - investigation continues.
- 16 3-16-11 at 3:22 p.m. - Student Life Center - Subject reported missing university equipment. Report on file.
- 17 3-16-11 at 4:08 p.m. - Browning - Report of a subject who is being harassed by an individual off campus. The subject was referred to the Martin Police Department.
- 18 3-17-11 at 2:01 p.m. - University Courts - Officers assisted MPD and WCO with the search of an apartment. A small amount of suspected marijuana was found.

Take note!

of upcoming events on campus

## Percussion and Voice Recital

Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 - to 8:30 p.m.  
In 112 UC, the percussion room, the Department of Music will host a chamber percussion and voice recital. For more information contact Julie Hill, 731-881-7418 or [jhill@utm.edu](mailto:jhill@utm.edu).

## Percussion Master Class

On Friday, March 25, 2 to 3 p.m., in 112 UC, the Department of Music hosts a Percussion Master Class with Thomas Barzin. For more information, contact Julie Hill at 731-881-7418 or [jhill@utm.edu](mailto:jhill@utm.edu). The event is open to the public and free of admission.

## Senior Art Exhibition

Brad Henderson, Kayla Stark and Donnie Franklin to present in the Paul Meek Library Exhibit opens Tuesday, March 22 with showcase to run from 5-6 p.m. Exhibit will run until April 2.

## Voice Recital

On Sunday, March 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Department of Music will host Rachel Lemond's senior voice recital at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 145 Hanning Lane, Martin. For more information, contact Roberto Mancusi at 731-881-7405, [rmancusi@utm.edu](mailto:rmancusi@utm.edu), or Sherry Adams at 731-881-7402, [sadams@utm.edu](mailto:sadams@utm.edu). The event is open to the public and free of admission.

## Obama proposes new budget for 2012

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's 2012 budget places a big bet that an improving economy will shoulder much of the burden for shrinking giant government deficits.

After all, it worked for Ronald Reagan in 1984, and maybe the magic can work for Obama as well.

Obama's \$3.73 trillion budget blueprint holds out the prospect of lower deficits in the future even as it projects that the annual shortfall will spike to \$1.65 trillion in the current budget year. That would be the highest dollar amount ever, and the largest as a percentage of the economy since World War II.

Predictably, Obama's budget was immediately hit by Republicans for not going far enough on the spending-cut side and relying too much on tax increases.

The Republicans' plans call for far deeper spending cuts than Obama is seeking. The GOP proposals are extremely light on the new-taxes side of the ledger.

But neither the Obama plan nor GOP proposals deal with the real problem:

the government's long-term debt, which now stands at \$1.1 trillion and is growing. Both Obama and the GOP focus in their proposals on short-term deficits rather than long-term debt.

"America is emerging from the worst recession in generations," Obama asserts in his introductory "Budget Message of the President."

Indeed it is. Despite stubborn unemployment, corporate profits are booming, credit markets are once again functioning smoothly and the stock market is booming.

As companies and individuals make more money, government deficits will shrink as tax receipts go up and recession-fighting spending goes down. But the so-called structural deficit — largely spending for Social Security, Medicare and other guaranteed-benefit programs — will keep rising until overall debt levels become unsustainable.

"My view is that the president's budget punted on the structural deficits issue. He did not give us any clear path forward to deal with

them," said David Walker, former U.S. comptroller general and now head of a balanced-budget advocacy group called Comeback America Initiative. Obama also ignored nearly all of the spending-cut and tax-increase recommendations of his own bipartisan deficit commission.

Reagan's GOP suffered a heavy loss of congressional seats in 1982, two years after his sweeping presidential victory. But by 1984, the economy was once again thriving. And Reagan was re-elected in a landslide.

"I don't think there's any question that the Obama team is focused on the Reagan re-election strategy," said GOP consultant Rich Galen.

Of course, in that earlier rebound, jobs returned relatively quickly. Now the unemployment rate is at 9 percent even though the recession officially ended in the summer of 2009 and private forecasts suggest it will still be 8 percent or higher by Election Day 2012. In fact, Obama's own budget document projects a jobless rate of 8.6 percent in 2012.

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# Life

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## Cooper, 'Limitless' still smart despite dumb moments

Regina Emery  
Co-Life Editor

One would expect a man using his brain's full potential to also utilize some creative imagination.

Not the case with last week's sci-fi thriller "Limitless" starring Bradley Cooper, Abbie Cornish and Robert DeNiro. The "what-if" story of a man who takes an intelligence-enhancing pill has some unexpected and fun visual effects but lacks in logic.

Cooper plays a barely recognizable bum writer Eddie Morra, recently dumped by his got-it-together girlfriend Lindy (played by Cornish: Stop Loss, Candy, the upcoming Sucker Punch). After a chance encounter with a shady acquaintance, he decides to take a pill, NZT, that allows him to "use the full 100 percent of his brain".

Cool premise. Except a screenwriter should have found through basic research that human beings do indeed already use all of our brain's potential—not just the twenty percent as commonly misconceived. Still, a minor detail that bothers only the annoyingly analytical like myself.

In fact, it's these minor flaws and inconsistencies that weigh the movie down, to be saved only by select acting and the film's cinematography.

Most notable for acting is

Cooper, who proves that he can hold his own as a leading man. The fact that his first lead role wasn't a RomCom surprised me, given the post-*Hangover* hype about his

newbie film.

The film is based upon the 2001 novel *The Dark Fields* by Alan Glynn, and whether it holds true to the tale or strays from the sci-fi's core,

aristocracy, learns up-teen languages, gets laid repeatedly, and most appreciated, cuts his chaotic curls and ditches the flab in exchange for short and sleek and abs. Because as we all know, intelligence makes you sexy.

But paranoia takes its toll—and rightly so, as we learn that the secret NZT is not so secret after all. Now enter the film's central conflict: supply. Morra, by dead luck (for those who've seen it, pun intended) has the majority stash in his possession. And it is indeed



good looks. That being said, Morra is a character you'll enjoy from lazy greaseball to paranoid prick (which as we learn, is the most significant side effect of NZT).

While Cornish was not bad, her gold-digging

I cannot say (having not read the book). I will say this however: the art directors did an amazing job of making the film look like a book. And by that I mean it resembles the world I'd have imagined in my mind while reading.

**"but paranoia takes its toll – and rightly so"**

character (let's be honest) is easily overshadowed by the naturally smart, quick-tongued and slow-moving Carl Van Loon (DeNiro), a legendary and demanding figure in the global finance elite. No one can deliver the banter like DeNiro can, and his commanding performance provides a veteran force in the would-be

Completely realistic, with an occasional moment of pure imagination. Pictured here is such a scene: Eddie writing with the letters that just seem to rain down around him from the rafters of his apartment.

With the aid of his now four digit IQ, Morra's genius quickly earns him the attention of the New York



## Memphis in May Music Festival boasts an all-star setlist

Regina Emery  
Co-Life Editor

For over a decade, the main attraction of the Memphis In May International Festival has been the Beale Street Music Festival.

As Bonnaroo moves towards a more contemporary audience, the Beale Street Music Festival is giving them a run for their money—and fans—and reminding everyone that Memphis was where most all of it began.

The overall international theme may be "Salute to Belgium" this year, but the lineup is shaping up to be a salute to the stars. Here's a Who's Who list of just who's coming to Memphis April 29 through May 1.

Kesha, Jason Mraz, B.O.B. and Cee Lo Green are just a few of the big contemporary names hitting the Horseshoe Casino Stage this year. Psychedelic rockers M.G.M.T, the Flaming Lips and Mumford and Sons are also some of the most eagerly anticipated folks.

Known for its diverse mix of blues and rock artists, the Beale Street Music Festival will also have plenty of rockers there: Godsmack, Sick Puppies, Buckcherry and Hinder among others. Stone Temple Pilots will be back, riding off their sixth album with Scott Weiland again at the forefront.

As always, there are going to be some folks who've been dwelling in the doldrums

awhile: Everclear, Macy Gray, One Less Reason, Ziggy Marley and Ludacris (taking a break from movies and getting back to his roots I suppose).

Some folks I didn't even realize were still alive and making music are also taking their turn onstage: Jerry Lee Lewis, Otis Clay and John Mellencamp, most notably.

On the other end of the spectrum, there's Bettye LaVette and Jazz man Kirk Whalum, born and bred in Memphis.

There's still more where that came from. For a full schedule of performers, check out the website at [www.memphisinmay.org](http://www.memphisinmay.org).

Tickets are \$69 dollars for the three day pass, which gets you into see every artist. Single day advance tickets are \$30 plus fees, and single day at-gate tickets are \$37. Simple math shows us that the best value is definitely the three day pass. And who knows, maybe your favorite artist will be making some impromptu performances?

If nothing else, Memphis In May is also host to a world championship barbecue cooking contest. Between May 12-14, hundreds will be competing for over \$100,000 in prizes and bragging rights. What's this mean for you? It's an opportunity to view some of the crazy booth decorations or watch grown men in tutu's dance at Ms. Piggie Idol competition. And eat lots of meat, of course.

## Rave vs. Rant: 'Battle LA'

Two UTM students review the recent action flick starring Aaron Eckhart, Ne-Yo and Michelle Rodriguez

Josh Willis  
Pacer writer

Battle Los Angeles is a new spin on the classic alien invasion movies fanaticized about since the early days.

In this movie, the invading extraterrestrials are annihilating earth's human population in the process of hijacking our valuable water supply.

Not only does this movie provide the stunning CGI graphics that make our modern movies so realistic, but it also provides serious emotional attachment to the characters and their struggle to find a way to carry out

their mission in finding a weak point in the aliens' seemingly impenetrable arsenal of futuristic warfare.

As you watch this movie, your heart is pulled upon by the seemingly impossible odds as well as the gripping suspense and actions that completely immerse your senses in endless chaos. As the main characters lose comrades and endure seemingly endless

torment, we see what really makes them who they are and the type of standards they

hold themselves to—not only as soldiers, but as individuals as a whole.

The easiest way to explain this would be to say that it is like Black Hawk Down, but with aliens. The raw emotion that gives these characters a true sense of reality is probably one of the most important things about this movie.

For those who believe that it is simply just a shoot 'em up flick, I am sorry to inform you that you are sadly mistaken.

Battle Los Angeles is not only one of my favorite movies of the year, but probably of all time, and I would recommend it to anyone.

Susan Merryman  
Pacer writer

*"Disclaimer: this review contains spoilers."*

Battle LA is defiantly a boy's movie.

It had all the alien guts hanging out, the humans dying, women and children in danger... everything.

I will however go ahead and address the one thing about the movie that I did like: that all of our military branches can come and work cooperatively to defeat the common enemy threat.

But back to the negativity. From the very beginning of the movie, and right down to the last second of the movie,

there was constantly a bomb blowing up lots of things and someone screaming and dying... five seconds

later....alien attacking causing total chaos.... silence.....and then... BAM! THE MOTHER SHIP IS HERE AND THEY'RE GOING TO EAT YOUR CHILDREN!

They killed two of my favorite characters in it also. They killed the marine that had a family back home and he just had a really cool personality about every situation THEN they killed a civilian who was very heroic and saved his son and two other marines by taking a bullet.

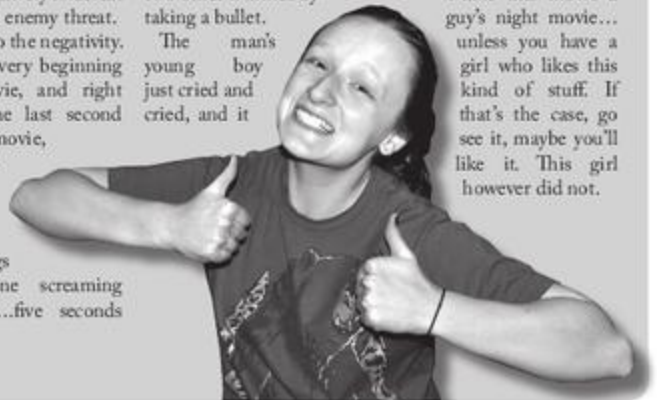
The man's young boy just cried and cried, and it

broke my heart. Too much negativity.

Another thing that I didn't like was that they based this movie on a "true" event. They claimed that back in 1940 or so someone caught an image of a bright light coming to earth and then disappearing.

You will like it if you're full of testosterone and want to see mass amounts of destruction. But if you think this is a date movie, it's quite the opposite.

Make this movie a guy's night movie... unless you have a girl who likes this kind of stuff. If that's the case, go see it, maybe you'll like it. This girl however did not.





# 10 things

10 anticipated films of summer 2011

Edited by Trevor Smith & Spencer Taylor  
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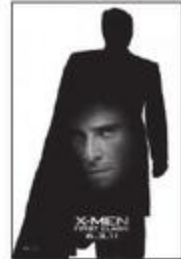
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*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II*  
15 JULY



2  
*Captain America*  
22 JULY



3  
*X-Men First Class*  
3 JUNE



4  
*Cowboys & Aliens*  
29 JULY



5  
*Super 8*  
10 JUNE



6  
*Kung Fu Panda 2*  
26 MAY



7  
*Thor*  
6 MAY



8  
*Transformers: Dark of the Moon*  
1 JULY



9  
*The Hangover Part II*  
26 MAY



10  
*Cars 2*  
24 JUNE



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## entertainmentnext



**Sucker Punch**  
PG-13 120 min.  
• Action/Fantasy/Thriller  
• Starring Emily Browning & Vanessa Hudgens  
• Coming to theaters 25 March



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**  
PG 96 min.  
• Comedy/Drama  
• Starring Zachary Gordon & Robert Capron  
• Coming to theaters 19 March



**The Fighter**  
R 115 min.  
• Biography/Drama/Sport  
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# Sports

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## Skyhawks sent home early by Duke Blue Devils

### Sports Information

For the first 20 minutes of Saturday's matchup against Duke in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the UTM women's basketball team traded blows with No. 2 seed Blue Devils on their own home floor.

However, Duke opened the second half on a 9-0 run and never looked back in a 90-45 Skyhawk loss at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

OVC Freshman of the Year Heather Butler capped off her spectacular debut season with a team-best 15 points, while junior Taylor Hall added 10 points off the bench for UTM (21-11). Jasmine Newsome also chipped in nine points for the Skyhawks, who were making their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

"In the first half we didn't play as well as we can play and we were down 10," UTM head coach Kevin McMillan said. "I felt pretty good about that, but I was worried about the gas that was left in the tank. You hope that your adrenaline will kick in and that you can find ways to fight in the second half and make a shot or two. The thing about this game is that once the snowball got rolling it was gone. We didn't have much of an answer."

Jasmine Thomas' 18 points led the Blue Devils. Chelsea Gray and Haley Peters also scored 11 points for Duke, who improved to 30-3 on the season.

Duke scored the first five points of the game before Beth Hawn converted a wide-open layup 50 seconds into the game to put the Skyhawks on the scoreboard. The Blue Devils then scored five unanswered before a Jacissa Haislip three-pointer from the right wing made the score 10-5.

The Skyhawks trailed by nine before UTM scored four straight points off a Hall jumper and backdoor layup by Butler to slice its deficit to five points at the 13:27 mark.

The Blue Devils then went ahead by 11 points thanks to six straight points in the paint, but Newsome took over. The lightning-quick guard scored five straight points in 55 seconds for the Skyhawks to help UTM stay within 10 points.

A Hall three from the right corner at the 4:18 mark made the score 32-22, but the Skyhawks went scoreless for the next 2:14 while Duke opened up a 15-point lead. Another Hall three-pointer ended the drought, pointing a 9-4 run to close out the half

and send the Skyhawks into the locker room trailing 41-31.

Newsome's nine points paced UTM at the break, while Butler and Hall poured in eight points apiece. Thomas tallied a game-high 10 points for the Blue Devils in the first half.

Duke's big run to begin the second half ended when Hall sank a pair of free throws at the 16:55 mark. However, the Blue Devils scored seven of the next nine points before Butler drilled a three-pointer from the right wing with just under 15 minutes to play.

That would be the last field goal the Skyhawks would make for the next 4:52, as a long jumper by Butler at the 10:05 mark broke the scoreless streak. Duke responded by hitting back-to-back three-pointers to push its lead out to 71-41 at the under-eight minute media timeout.

UTM would endure another lengthy span without a field goal, as a layup by Perica Glenn at the five-minute mark ended a 12-0 Blue Devil run and made the score 77-43. Duke then scored the next 12 points of the game before a Butler leaner with 22 seconds left ended the scoring on both sides.

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Freshman Jasmine Newsome attempts a shot over a Duke defender in the Skyhawks' 90-45 loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday. UTM was only 10 points down at halftime, but only scored 14 points in the second half. This was the 18th straight year that Duke has won its tournament opener.

### Remaining schedule for UTM Women's Tennis:

March 25 - 2:00 PM - at SIU Edwardsville

March 29 - 2:30 PM - Murray State

April 1 - 2:00 PM - at Austin Peay

April 3 - 2:00 PM - Eastern Illinois

April 5 - 2:00 PM - at Southern Missouri

April 9 - 2:00 PM - Jacksonville State

### Sports Information

The UTM tennis squad picked up a pair of huge OVC wins this weekend, coming through with late clutch victories in 4-3 wins over Eastern Kentucky on Saturday and Morehead State on Sunday. With the wins, the Skyhawks are now 2-0 in league play and 6-7 overall.

"The girls really rose to the challenge this weekend," Skyhawk head coach Dennis Taylor said. "I don't think Eastern Kentucky or Morehead State believed they could lose to such a young team on their home courts. Winning both matches was huge for us and for our confidence and it certainly made the seven-hour drive back a lot shorter."

At Eastern Kentucky, the Skyhawks swept the all-important doubles point. Alice Laing and Anna Winkelmann won 8-3 at No. 2, while Anna Marie Herbold and Jodie Tiley took the No. 1 point by a score of 8-4. Katie McCall and Johanie Van Zyl rounded out the sweep with an 8-5 victory at No. 3.

The Colonels made things interesting by opening singles play with wins at No. 4 and No. 2, but Herbold got the Skyhawks back on track with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at No. 6. Tiley fell in a third set tiebreaker at No. 1, leaving UT Martin's backs to the wall by having to win both remaining competitions to earn the match victory. The Skyhawks rose to the challenge, as Winkelmann produced a 6-3, 7-5 win at

No. 3 and Van Zyl capped off the win with a resilient come-from-behind 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory at No. 5.

"Mental toughness was the difference at Eastern Kentucky," Taylor said. "We have worked all year to develop nerves of steel and the ability to remain confident and calm under pressure tipped the scales in our favor on Saturday. Johanie was a set and 2-5 down in the second but she showed unbelievable courage fighting her way back and eventually winning the decisive point."

The next day in Morehead, UTM got off to another blazing start by clinching the doubles point. Van Zyl and McCall won 8-5 at No. 3, while Tiley and Herbold put together an 8-2 victory at No. 1.

The hot start carried over to singles play, as Herbold won in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6 and Van Zyl capped off her perfect weekend with a 6-1, 6-2 victory at No. 5. The Eagles made it close by winning their next two singles matches, but Tiley finished off any potential Morehead State rally with a thrilling 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 victory at No. 1.

"Our girls were tired by the end of the match, but they toughed it out for a big win on Sunday," Taylor said. "Morehead State probably has the best team they have ever had."

UTM hosted Tennessee State at home yesterday, and will face SIU Edwardsville at 2 p.m. Friday, March 25, in a road match.

## Skyhawk tennis scores two big wins

## No joke: Ultimate is serious business

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In 1968, a student at Columbia High School in New Jersey proposed to his student council that they start a school Frisbee team as a joke.

The next summer, a group of students who had become interested joined him in what he called the "ultimate game experience."

The game caught on in the surrounding area colleges, rules were codified and Ultimate Frisbee was born.

That student, Joel Silver, is now a Hollywood big shot who currently runs two major production companies. This just goes to show you what can happen for those who play the game.

I'm kidding, of course. Scientists have yet to prove that there is any direct correlation between the amounts of success you have relative to the amount of Ultimate you play. (But who says they won't?)

Ultimate is something most everyone has heard of, if not played, but is often times disregarded for being cast as a sport for the alternative types who aren't athletic enough to play bigger sports at their high schools.

To anyone who does feel that way, I point you to YouTube to watch the video of Andrew Fleming's catch at the World Ultimate Club Championship in Prague. That play was number one on SportCenter's top ten list on ESPN, and on an awesome scale of one to 10, it's easily a 14. Just don't laugh too hard at his bald spot at the end.

Ultimate in our country is governed by the Ultimate Player's Association ([www.usultimate.org](http://www.usultimate.org)). Over 4.5 million people play Ultimate in the United States alone, and the sport is quickly gaining popularity worldwide. And while it's not an Olympic sport, it is played at the World Games every four years. There's a collegiate club

championship held every year also, the most recent winner of the title being the University of Florida.

The point is, Ultimate's a serious sport played by serious competitors. There's a stigma surrounding the game that's unfair and biased. The first misconception is that Ultimate is only played by nerds and stoners. Totally not true.

I don't say any of this from an angry stance; I get to play once a week with my friends, and it's a blast for me. I only want to raise a little awareness for the intramural tournament and the Ultimate Frisbee class that UTM will be offering for the first time in the Fall semester. Invite some of you to share in the fun, you know?

And if you're thinking you might have the stones to join a game the next time you see some people playing, I'm going to give you a few tips so that you don't make yourself look silly.

- It's really just called

Ultimate these days. A Frisbee is a trademarked type of disc made by the Wham-O toy company.

- You do not get two steps after you catch the disc. You get your momentum to stop after you catch the disc. Any change of direction is considered a travel, which results in a turnover. You have to pivot on one foot like in basketball.

- When you're new to Ultimate, just pancake the disc to catch it. Catching it one-handed is harder than it looks.

- Don't watch someone throw a flick (a forehanded throw) and think that it looks so easy that you can do it. It takes practice.

- Be willing to run. A lot. Now you know some basics! So get out there and huck a backhand, force the flick side and make a deep cut for the disk.

Don't be the last one in on one of the greatest pickup games of all time.



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